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Sun Valley employees laid off over 'downturn'

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ARCATA – The Sun Valley Floral Group has sent layoff notices to its employees at its sprawling floral farms in Arcata and Oxnard.

According to the layoff notice, employees in both divisions “will experience layoffs, as a result of a significant downturn in business. The Notice Period will be 60 Days and the separation date will be July 23, 2024.”

“At this time, you should consider your layoff to be

permanent,” the notice states. There will be no severance pay and health and dental insurance will be terminated effective July 23.

It’s not clear whether the all employees will be laid off or whether some will be retained.

Bill Prescott, Sun Valley’s director of sales and marketing, issued the following statement:

“The Sun Valley Group recently announced to its team members that it has



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County shares bad news about roads with McKMAC

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – In November, Humboldt County voters may decide whether to increase the local sales tax to help repair the county’s crumbling road system.

Before the Board of Supervisors decides whether to place a sales tax measure on the ballot, the county is attempting to educate the public about the state of its roads and is soliciting public input.

As part of that effort, county Public Works Director Tom Mattson and Deputy County Administrative Officer Sean Quincey gave a presentation May 22 to the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee.

The duo discussed the multi-pronged challenges that the county road system faces, including increased storms, earthquakes and other disasters, as well as a \$500 million maintenance backlog due to lack of funds.

“Our presentation is focused on what we believe is a new era of natural disasters,” Quincey said. “It’s just the number of natural disasters that have been hitting our area have been increasing.”

Mattson said that if you look back over two decades,

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Supes pass Middle East peace resolution

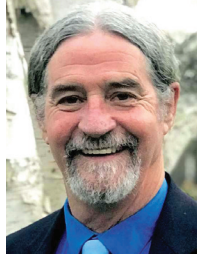
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take up the resolution at their May 21 meeting.

Supervisor Steve Madrone, its sponsor, said the intensity of conflict, he believes “it’s important to at least make a statement about peace.”

He said the resolution is the same as one approved by the Arcata City Council.

The resolution says “there has been intolerable



Steve Madrone

Israel’s actions in Gaza in response to the October 7 Hamas massacre have drawn strong reactions, compelling supervisors to

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KINETIC GRANDEUR



BEAUTY, BEASTS AND BOUNCERS The Grand Kinetic Championship 2024 launched amid fanfare and carefully engineered foolishness Saturday at noon on the Arcata Plaza. Water launches at Eureka’s Wharfinger boat ramp ensued on Sunday, with a Ferndale finish Monday. Above, the valiant (and glorious) Kinetic Volunteers. Olivia Gambino, left, is the 2024 Rutabaga Queen. Cosmo the shelter dog, below, had a blast at the race kickoff (read more in Dogtown, page 3). Right, Peter Wm Wagner of Bounce for Glory. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION; COSMO PHOTO BY JIM MARLAIT | DOGTOWN



Goodbye Alibi, Japhy’s, Niveen’s – hello ramen, shawarma

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NOHUM – The never-ending doggie card game in progress over the bar at the Alibi has gone dark at last, as the iconic Arcata dive bar and restaurant abruptly closed without explanation over the weekend.

The Alibi’s end decimates what was once a controversial Bar Row on the Arcata Plaza’s north side, where four vibrant social establishments once offered relief to the thirsty. After the shuttering of Toby & Jack’s due to ABC violations, and now, only Everett’s remains.

The Alibi’s sudden closure followed by just two



DOGGIE DEBAUCHERY The exquisitely fanciful paintings over the Alibi’s bar.

VIA FACEBOOK/ALIBI

days the last bowls served at Japhy’s Soup and Noodles in Northtown. After a social media announcement, but no explanation, customers queued outside the shop to get one last serving of their favorite menu item.

Both closures set off impassioned lamentations about lost, prized cultural resources. Steve and Amy

Bohner, whose Alchemy Construction filled in the Plaza’s “missing tooth” (vacant lot) with the Alibi’s new annex in 2016, were sentimental but stoic.

“Oh Alibi,” said a post on the Alchemy Distillery

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McGuire: New laws will fix fire insurance crisis

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Senator Mike McGuire says state lawmakers will be “laser focused” on solving the wildfire insurance crisis this year, which means making affordably-priced coverage available and restoring insurance for those who’ve been non-renewed.

McGuire held a May 8 online town hall to mark Wildfire Preparation Week. But he said there were “dozens upon dozens” of submitted questions on a related topic – the state’s fire insurance crisis.

A mix of increased wildfire and inflation has led insurance companies to suspend or limit new business despite having increased their rates.

Insurance companies are cancelling and non-renewing policies.

Homeowners can get coverage through the California FAIR Plan – a group of insurers convened by the state to provide insurance which would otherwise be

unavailable – but its coverage is basic and expensive.

New lawmaking will seek to change all that.

“We are going to be laser-focused on solving this crisis in the legislature this year,” McGuire said, adding that “raising rates isn’t gonna be a game-changer when it comes to fire prevention.”

McGuire said the goal is to get about 85 percent of the people on the FAIR plan off of it and onto conventional insurance policies.

He said there’s also resolve to “create a path to insurance” for those who’ve had policies cancelled or non-renewed. Homeowners also need to be able to easily access the fire risk scores insurance companies use to base policy decisions on, he continued.

State grants are available to homeowners and communities who want to “harden” against wildfire dangers. But doing it doesn’t move any markers when it comes getting insurance.

“Californians who are doing the right thing aren’t getting credit for it with their insurance companies,” said McGuire. “Insurance companies are in the business of risk and if we’re significantly reduc-

ing the risk of wildland fire, they should write – there is no statute on the books right now that forces them to do so.”

He added there have been efforts to advance laws to that effect but “it gets incredibly political” because “they come in with a lot of money to fight it.”

McGuire vowed to give it another shot. “I’m tellin’ ya, we’re gonna bring it back because if we have home-hardening dollars available and hard-working Californians are putting their own hard-earned dollars into making their communities more fire-safe, insurance companies should write.”

Saying, “You don’t need to be as blunt as I was,” McGuire asked his guest, Cal Fire Chief Joe Tyler, for his opinion.

“I’m right there with ya, senator,” Tyler said. “And regardless of where we are with the insurance problem, what it comes down to is each of us helping each other protect our homes and our properties and the environment.”

Tyler advised homeowners to be mindful of defensible space, to participate in fire safe councils and “become involved in a fire-

wise community.”

True to the theme for the week, the town hall also included lots of information on dealing with wildfire risk.

Asked by McGuire about making homes fire-safe by reducing “fuel loads,” Tyler gave advice on measures like reducing spark-related fires when using maintenance equipment.

He recommended using equipment like weed-eaters in the morning and early evening hours when humidity is usually higher.

“And when mowing, remember your lawnmower is meant for a lawn and not necessarily a field – it does have the tendency to create sparks if it hits a rock or something of that nature so just be cautious and make sure you have a water supply nearby as you’re doing that,” Tyler said.

He said the chipping of vegetation removal debris is assisted with grants available through local fire safe councils and “removing the ‘ladder’ fuels will really help reduce the fire load on your property.”

More information on preparing for wildfires and reducing their risk is available on Cal Fire’s website, at [fire.ca.gov](https://www.fire.ca.gov).



GRAND MARSHALS Scott and Kristine Binder will serve as the grand marshals of this year’s Pony Express Days Parade. They received the Azalea Award from the chamber in March. From left are chamber board member Meg Altman, Kristine Binder, Scott Binder and Chamber Executive Director Jesse Miles.

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McK’s Pony Express Days 2024 are trotting your way with a parade, chili, crafts, music and awards

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MCKINLEYVILLE – Pony Express Days, McKinleyville’s annual town festival, takes place Thursday, May 30 and Saturday, June 1.

The event is sponsored by the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce and has been held almost every year since 1968. A schedule of activities:

Chili Cook-Off

The Pony Express Days Chili Cook-Off takes place Thursday, May 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Pierson Park and Azalea Hall.

Tickets are \$15, which allows you to try chili entered by professional chefs and amateur cooks. Beer and wine will be available for sale. There will also be hot dogs, beverages and bake sale items.

Pony Express Days Parade

The Pony Express Days Parade takes place Saturday, June starting at 11 a.m.

The parade begins in front of McKinleyville High School on Murray Road, then heads southbound on Central Avenue and ends at School Road.

The Grand Marshals for this year’s parade are Scott and Kristina Binder, winners of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Azalea Award.

“Azalea Award recipients are community members who have a history of exceptional service in McKinleyville and continue to serve our community and our chamber,” states the chamber’s website.

Motorists are warned to plan ahead, as Central Avenue will be closed during the parade. The best way to get around town during the parade is on foot or on a bicycle.

Pony Express Days Festival

Just as the parade is coming to an end, the Pony Express Days Festival begins at noon and continues until 4 p.m. at Pierson Park. There will be food, crafts, live music and more at the park.

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Monday, May 20	00.00	45.94	40.52	38.17
Tuesday, May 21	00.00	45.94	40.53	38.22
Wednesday, May 22	00.01	45.95	40.53	38.27
Thursday, May 23	00.00	45.95	40.53	38.31
Friday, May 24	00.03	45.98	40.53	38.36
Saturday, May 25	00.03	46.01	40.53	38.40

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PG&E holding Town Hall with updates, wildfire safety info plus Q&A

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SANTA ROSA – Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) invites North Coast customers to a virtual town hall to learn more about work in your region, wildfire safety updates and resources to keep you safe.

On Wednesday, May 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., PG&E experts, including Regional Vice President Dave Canny, will provide a brief presentation during which participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

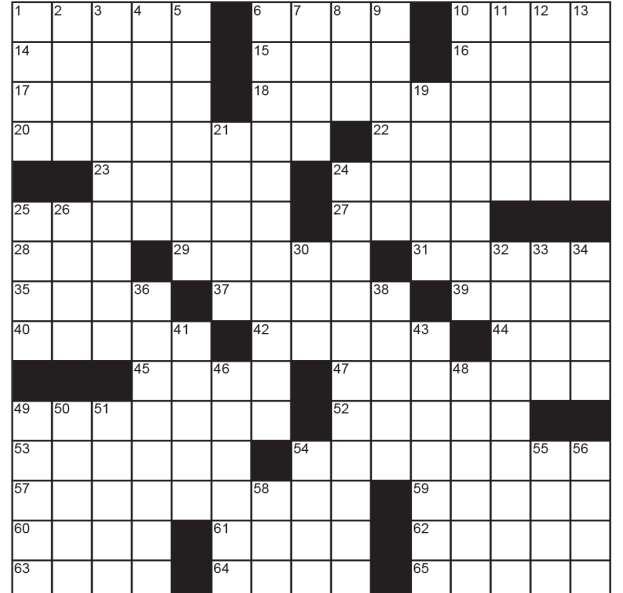
The event can be accessed through the link or phone dial-in information listed below, or by visiting pge.com/webinars.

Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Siskiyou, Sonoma and Trinity link: bit.ly/43Sofmd.

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For the full webinar events schedule, additional information on how to join and to view past event recordings and presentation materials, visit pge.com/webinars.

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke



ACROSS

1 Contrail's makeup

6 Radar screen image

10 "Father Knows"

14 Treasure

15 Streaming device

16 Chorus voice

17 Birth-related

18 Game with Cavity Sam

20 Waste away

22 Galaxy rival

23 Part of a URL

24 Turned a key, perhaps

25 Heart of the matter

27 Novice

28 Sundial's seven

29 Sculpted work

31 Big fusses

35 Reunion goer

37 Heartbeat sound

39 Street performer

40 Wanderer

42 Walking _____ (elated)

44 Cheese partner, briefly

45 Copter's fore-runner (var.)

47 Lenient

49 Got in shape

52 Tough guy

53 Wheel's cover

54 Ladies' man

57 Without oxygen

59 Baltimore player

60 Apt to snoop

61 "Loving" actress Negga

62 Work on dough

63 "Trick" joint

64 Peach or beech

65 Charlie Brown's sister

DOWN

1 Windmill part

2 Driver of "Ferrari"

3 Mineral in bananas

4 Delphic shrine

5 80s Plymouth model

6 Fraternity

7 Leisurely run

8 White House nickname

9 What white symbolizes

10 Primping place

11 "Silas Marner" novelist

12 Oscar-winning Emma

13 Sculpted, as muscles

19 One way to fall

21 Fancy necktie

24 Overeater's woe

25 2007 Steve Carell film, "_____ Almighty"

26 Storage cylinder

30 Phoenix NBAer

32 Piece of pulp fiction

33 Neighbor of Yemen

34 Religious offshoot

36 90s optical illusion fad

38 A whole bunch

41 Mideast money

43 Notes

46 School paper

48 Tomorrow, in Tulum

49 Word in an Oscar speech

50 Talk a blue streak

51 Demean


54 Give a ticket to

55 Butcher's offering


56 Taylor of Mayberry

58 Prickly seed case

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SCOUT AMBASSADORS Recently two Northern Humboldt students joined dozens of other Girl Scouts as delegates at the Girl Scouts of Northern California council’s Annual General Meeting. In addition to being a voting delegate to that meeting, graduating ambassador Laelia, left, was also a National Delegate representing our council to the GSUSA triennial convention this past summer in Florida as well as a representative of GSUSA to the 2024 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York. Madeleine, right, an 11th grade ambassador Girl Scout, was elected as a regional delegate for the first time and joined Laelia in wanting to discuss rural issues. They are pictured with the newest CEO for the Girl Scouts of Northern California council, Bri Seoane. Seoane presented the state of the council report and enlisted delegates to discuss strategic goals with board members in attendance so that a cross-section of views could be shared and used to inform the council board about upcoming decisions and plans. Both Girl Scouts felt it was important to represent a rural county’s perspective of the leadership program and how it can be inclusive. Girl Scouts serves ages Kindergarten through 12th Grade. Thanks to team work and cookie sales, Laelia traveled to Ecuador with her troop this past summer and Madeleine leaves for the United Kingdom with her troop in June. For more information call (707) 296-2991.

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Library Summer Reading Challenge starts June 1

HUMBOLDT COUNTY LIBRARY
HUMBOLDT – If you are developing reading skills or if you just love to read, consider taking part in the Humboldt County Public Library’s annual summer reading challenge.

The library’s summer reading challenge is open to children, teens and adults and will run from Saturday, June 1 to Saturday, Aug. 17. The program is free and all interested community members are invited to participate.

This year’s theme is Read, Renew, Repeat – a nod to conservation and a reminder to care for ourselves, for one another and for the planet.

All Humboldt County Public Library branches have many wonderful print and electronic reading materials to inspire and engage readers of all ages and reading levels on these important themes,

and county librarians are delighted to make recommendations.

Sign-ups for the Humboldt County Public Library’s summer reading challenge are happening now.

Visit any Humboldt County Library branch or the Humboldt County Bookmobile to sign up and receive your summer reading log. Readers can set their own daily reading goals, based on their personal range of interests and abilities and submit up to three completed reading logs to be entered into a drawing for prizes generously donated by partner organizations in the community.

Please visit humlib.org to learn more about the Humboldt County Public Library, find a library branch or Bookmobile location near you, or check out the library’s growing list of summer activities.

Sun Valley | Effective July 22

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issued WARN notices regarding a potential mass layoff of workers on or after July 22, 2024. This action was taken to comply with government laws while the Company continues to evaluate its strategic options. We regret the uncertainty and confusion these notices will undoubtedly cause to our team members, vendors and customers and we will be privately communicating to all affected groups. We will provide further public comment as circumstances warrant. Please direct all questions to Bill Prescott 707-630-2994 or bprescott@tsvg.com.

The potential layoffs came about despite efforts by the Humboldt County Economic Development Division to assist the company. “Our leadership team met with Sun Valley (onsite at their offices) in August of 2023. We presented some workforce (WIOA) program options to them at that time, however they did not take us up on those services,” stated Economic Development Director Scott Adair in an email to the *Union*. “Instead they asked that we focus on helping them to reduce their energy costs. We did some research and then engaged with PG&E around October 2023 to secure an economic development rate for Sun Valley. We exchanged some emails with PG&E and had a call with their team. PG&E ultimately rejected the request based on Sun Valley’s NAICS code. We then referred Sun Valley to CMTC to assist them in changing their NAICS designation. We did also inform Sun Valley of state programs that were available and also brought the matter to the attention of GoBiz, i.e., the Governors office of Economic Development.”

Sun Valley in Arcata has as many as 700 employees during the peak of the season.

SVFG has for years complained of its competitive disadvantages in the cut flower industry against cheap imported product. In 2021, CEO Lane DeVries won county approval for a cannabis cultivation and processing facility at the Arcata Bottom site, pitching it as a way to subsidize the flower operation and maintain employment.

Also in 2021, an online realtor briefly listed two Arcata Land Company holdings for sale, including the floral farm, the cannabis grow and separate cannabis processing facilities. The detailed listing was quickly removed after DeVries dismissed it as an error by the realtor.

Cosmo, Peanut and Kobe, crowd pleasers

Team Sparky had a great time at Kinetics last weekend! Deadline comes around before the race is over but as of Day Two, 10 shelter dogs had been out on the course with their big friend Sparky the Kinetic Foster Dog.

Day One was an exciting time with seven shelter dogs and Sparky’s foster sister Baylee. After meeting a few blocks off the Plaza and getting their race gear on, the full crew trotted off after Sparky to make a grand entrance just after nine on Saturday morning. We love that the bystanders look forward to seeing which dogs are coming with Sparky and this year was no exception.

As we waited for the judges to check in Sparky, lots of folks came up to meet the dogs. Their different roles quickly became apparent! We’ll give a full report next week but handsome blind and deaf Cosmo was clearly a crowd favorite. He loved every minute of the three hours we spent on the Plaza, meeting new people and dogs and playing with the friends that came with him. Unlike pretty much every other dog, he wasn’t even tired when he went back to the shelter. Definitely a happy party boy!

Peanut was another Plaza participant that fully enjoyed every minute of the event. Peanut is eight years old but his joy at being in the middle of all the fun was almost puppyish! Peanut’s “road test” (to see if he was ready for the Kinetic crowd) was to go to Pierson Park and McKinleyville Ace Hardware with little Petunia. Peanut was completely unfazed by a riding mower, skateboarders, kids on



Cosmo and Todd.
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Peanut leads the way at brake check.
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TEAM SPARKY
ON THE MOVE
AT KINETICS

swings and everything in the hardware store, especially the employees who he charmed with his friendliness. At the Plaza his mellow demeanor continued, as he greeted every dog and person politely. Half the time when I looked his way, he was upside



Kobe, Lauren and Sparky.
MARA SEGAL | DOGTOWN

down with someone petting his belly.

What a great dog is Peanut! He was easy to walk and followed right along on all the activities, from posing for group photos to jogging along

behind Sparky for the brake check. Peanut appears to have some obedience training on board. At eight years old Peanut qualifies for the shelter’s senior rate (but don’t tell him that). Peanut is a healthy 62 pounds with a classic red and white coat.

On Day Two, Sparky was joined by three new shelter dogs – Hanzo, Rodney and Kobe. Kobe got to come along with his volunteer friend Lauren. They are an experienced team as Lauren had previously taken Kobe on an overnight trip out of town.

Kobe thoroughly enjoyed his trip to Kinetics on Sunday. He is a trusting pup and knew that Lauren wouldn’t take him where he didn’t belong so he was quite comfortable in the waterfront crowd. Kobe met lots of people and dogs. He was quite curious about Sparky, and sniffed around as the pilots switched Sparky out from water to land mode. Kobe has the cutest little curious face, with forehead wrinkles that make him look perpetually curious!

Lauren says the more time she spends with Kobe, the more she falls in love with him, and she thinks an adopter would feel the same. Kobe was great in the house on her previous outing and slept through the night. She says, “If you are looking for an outing friend that you can take pretty much take anywhere I highly recommend him.” Kobe is a nice 55 pounds and has a lovely soft fawn-colored coat.

All of the dogs that were seen at Kinetics are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. Appointments to meet any of them can be made by calling (707) 840-9132. Tell them you saw the dogs out on the race course!

Roads | Delayed maintenance increases costs

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the county was averaging about one declared disaster every three years. Those were disasters caused by storms.

“Since 2022, we’ve had four declared disasters in two years,” Mattson said. “The pattern is getting tighter and tighter.”

“With these disasters occurring more frequently, it is taking its toll on the county budget.

Mattson said that the road system has a baseline budget of about \$15 million a year. This is nothing compared to the costs of the disasters. In 2017, the county suffered \$41 million in storm damage. In 2019, the number was \$15 million. Since 2022, there has been \$15 million in damage, Mattson said.

“So we’re scrambling,” Mattson said.

A portion of these damages are covered by the federal and state agencies. However, that process can take years.

The county has to pay for the repair up front, then has to wait for reimbursement, which can take six to 10 years.

“It’s a crazy system, but that’s what we deal with,” Mattson said.

Another reason for the maintenance backlog is that, over the decades, the state has “shifted” tax dollars away from the county and into its own budget to meet its obligations.

“Over the last 30 years, we’ve seen more than \$500 million in state takeaways,” Quincey said. “In the current year, it’s over \$25 million.”

County officials are concerned that Sacramento could even grab more of its

tax revenues, given that the state is projecting a budget deficit in the coming fiscal year.

“It makes us more nervous, especially this year, because of the state’s budget situation,” Quincey said. “Depending on who you ask, they’re facing a shortfall of \$39 billion to \$73 billion.”

With county road funds tapped for disaster repairs, and with the state gobbling up more of its revenues, there’s less money for day-to-day road maintenance.

“Delayed maintenance increases costs in the long run,” Mattson said.

Ideally, the county should be doing slurry seals and plugging cracks in its roadways on a regular basis, Mattson said. This maintenance is relatively low cost and allows the roads to stay in good shape.

However, when this type of maintenance is delayed, the roads can fall into such a state of disrepair that they need to be entirely reconstructed.

Asked by a committee member whether the sales tax will be on the November ballot, Mattson said that is up to the Board of Supervisors. As for the amount of the sales tax, Mattson said the county knows it will not get enough tax to cover the \$500 million backlog.

Mattson said that a half percent sales tax would generate about \$12 million a year, a 3/4 percent tax would generate \$18 million a year and a one percent tax would bring in \$24 million a year.

A PublicWorks survey can be found at humboldt.gov/FormCenter/CAO-Forms-17/Humboldt-County-Community-Feedback-Surve-226.

Resolution | ‘Too much division in the community’

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innocent death and destruction in the Middle East, before and since October 7, 2023” and “there has been far too much division in our community.”

Two of its main requests are “an immediate mutual and permanent ceasefire and total cessation of violence by all parties involved” and “a mutual exchange of all hostages and civilian political prisoners.”

During public comment, Arcata resident and peace advocate Joanne McGarry said she was “very involved” in supporting Arcata’s resolution and Humboldt is “joining the many” calling for an end to conflict. She emphasized the point in song, singing a few lines from Pete Seeger’s “Last Night I had the Strangest Dream.” Its lyrics envision an ideal world where all agree to “put an end to war.”

“Please join in the movement – cease fire in Gaza and all of Palestine,” McGarry said.

She also noted that the Arcata res-

olution’s title specifically names “the Israel-Palestine conflict” and asked that the county’s do the same.

Other commenters strongly condemned Israel’s actions. One stood at the podium with a small body-shaped bag labeled “Children of Gaza” and accused Israel of “total genocide.”

But Eureka resident Luta Belcher said he lived in Israel when Hamas came to power in 2007 and urged support for Israel.

“Let’s keep in mind what we’re dealing with here – Hamas is an organization that has sworn to destroy the Jewish people and Israel, make no doubt about it,” he said. “Israel should be commended for its virtue in the way it’s executed this, not condemned.”

He added that those who accuse Israel of genocide “should look up the definition of the word.”

Supervisors mostly supported the resolution but to varying degrees.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said he

supported Arcata’s and is open to adopting its title as McGarry had suggested.

Supervisor Natalie Arroyo said she appreciates being able to “speak up for values of peace” but also acknowledged that the Middle East is “incredibly complex” and she’s in the process of learning about it.

Board Chair Rex Bohn described the resolution as being too bland to oppose.

“There is isn’t anything you can stick your fork into on this,” he said. “This is probably one of the most benign statements ever – ‘we want peace, we want all the hostages to go home, we want ‘em all to play nice’ -- and it’s as much tapioca as I can see.”

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell said she supports “the peace statement absolutely” but “it doesn’t capture everything,” adding, “there’s a lot of history and a lot to know and a lot to learn.”

The resolution was approved, with Bushnell abstaining from the vote.

HUMBOLDT CRABS

Crabs in new league

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – This year the Humboldt Crabs join with some teams fans have seen before: the Medford Rogues, the Solano Mudcats, the West Coast Kings, the Lincoln Potters, and the Healdsburg Prune Packers in a new league, the Pacific Empire League. What does that mean for Crabs fans?
Crabs Board of Directors President Scarlet Palmer explained.
“The new league is great for us in a number of ways,” she said. “It will maintain good competition. It’s good for the fans. During COVID it was tough filling out schedules. Some teams were not on the same level as the

Crabs. And third, we will have some great stats programs. Trackman has been installed in the park and it will be valuable for scouts and college coaches.”
Enhanced statistics reporting can only help players with their career enhancement. Players come from different colleges to play for the Crabs in the summer but many have hopes beyond their college careers. When they do well with the Crabs, it can add to their career prospects later.
Board member and Crabs photographer Matt Filar explained that there will be eight high-speed cameras in the ballpark. “That will be lots of info,” he said.
Stay tuned!

Crabs begin Friday with fun & games

The Special Events schedule is up on the website for summer fun at the ballpark. (humboldtcrabs.com)
For first time fans, those are the days and nights

where fans (and sometimes players) dress up for themes such as Superhero Day, Tie Dye Day, Harry Potter Day, Pajama Night, Mustache Night, Camo Night, Star Wars/Star Trek



❖ CRAB GAB
Janine Volkmar

Night, Italian Heritage Night, Aloha Sunday and, *avast, me hearties*, Pirate Night. Everyone is invited to join in.
And there are prizes! Superfan Tam, aka Ta-

mara Clohessy, that whirlwind volunteer who sits in her designated bleacher seat behind home plate, gives out the prizes.
A retired teacher who

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Crabs | ‘Go ask The Queen’

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only missed “three games” last season, Tam is a go-to person for all things Crabs. She fills in the chalk board with the player lineups for each game; she hands out prizes and giveaways as well as the occasional Band-Aid for a little kid who has fallen.

And she makes every game special just by being there. They don’t call her “The Queen” for nothing, as in “go ask The Queen.”

Tam loves the special events. “My favorite is Pirate Night,” she said. “Bill comes all dressed up.” (Bill is a longtime fan who celebrates his disability with style on Pirate Night.)

“Another one of my favorites is Christmas and Hanukkah in July. It’s one of the events that people pull out their ugly Christmas sweaters for. It’s silly and fun and, you know me, I love silly.”

Silly aside, Tam mentioned the important milestone for the Crabs. “It’s the 80th anniversary and we honor the past and the present,” she said.

Scattered throughout the schedule are nights celebrating the decades: everything from the 1940s to the 2010s. The Crab Grass Band will play songs from those times and fans are



Tamara Clohessy

encouraged to raid their grandparents’ closets and thrift stores to dress in period costumes

So, whether you are six years old or 60, get ready for the special days and nights at the park.

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AHS students win big in C-SPAN StudentCam competition

C-SPAN

ARCATA/WASHINGTON, D.C.

– C-SPAN announced last week that students at Arcata High School are 2024 winners in C-SPAN’s 20th annual StudentCam competition.

Jasmine McKnight and Astreya McKnight, twin siblings, and Beyla Jones will receive \$750 as third prize winners for the documentary, *Aiming for Safety: Crafting the Next Generation of Gun Legislation*.

Sasha Neyra and Quinlyn Rush-Cople will receive \$250 as honorable mention prize winners for the documentary, *Stolen Lives*, about missing and murdered indigenous people.

Ella Ivan, Sierra Paliaga and Erika Homan will receive \$250 as honorable mention prize winners for the documentary, *Agricultural Subsidies*, about



NARRATORS From *Aiming for Safety: Crafting the Next Generation of Gun Legislation*, viewable at vidler.com/v/bb2dded7. Via C-SPAN restructuring agriculture subsidization on a federal level to support conservation and regenerative practices.

Taya Holmes, Natalie Dreyer and Amelie Rebstock will receive \$250 as honorable mention prize winners for the documentary, *The Journey*

to *Marriage Equality: The Most Important Change in America Over the Past 20 Years*.

Taylor Nada, Sasha Love and Damian Kuntz will receive \$250 as honorable mention prize winners for the documentary, *The Future of Nuclear Energy*.

C-SPAN, in cooperation with its cable television partners, asked middle and high school students to address the theme, “Looking Forward while Considering the Past.”

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As Cal Poly soft reopens, back-and-forth over response continues

MAD RIVER UNION

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – Cal Poly Humboldt’s cautious move toward a soft re-

opening this week takes place with issues surrounding the occupation of parts of the campus still being debated. Attorneys for

the guardians of civil liberties as well as the university are now duking it out with citation-heavy letters, two of which are seen

below. While it lasted, two members of the *Mad River Union* utilized the university’s access procedure without difficulty.

Campus closure, media limits were illegal, unbounded, unconstitutional

May 4, 2024
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
Tom Jackson, Jr.
President
1 Harpst Street
Arcata, CA 95521
Email: president@humboldt.edu
Re: Hard Closure of Cal Poly Humboldt Campus and Media Access

Dear President Jackson:

We write on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California and the First Amendment Coalition to express concern about Cal Poly Humboldt’s “hard closure”¹ and restrictions to media access on campus.² Our organizations work to protect the free speech and free press values enshrined in both federal and state law. We believe that the university’s policy limiting public access—and especially press access—is constitutionally suspect. We recognize that this closure has been asserted in response to the recent civil unrest and involvement of law enforcement at Cal Poly Humboldt,³ but it is precisely in these moments that reporting by a free press is essential. We urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to lift this campus-wide closure.

Pursuant to both policy and practice, Cal Poly Humboldt maintains spaces on its campus that constitute a designated public forum.⁴ Any restriction on access or speech in these spaces must therefore satisfy constitutional review. See *Perry Educ. Ass’n v. Perry Local Educators’ Ass’n*, 460 U.S. 37, 44-46 (1983). As the U.S. Supreme Court made clear decades ago, once a university opens a space for use by the public, “it is bound by the same standards as apply in a traditional public forum.” Id.; see also *Widmar v. Vincent*, 454 U.S. 263, 268, n. 5 (1981) (recognizing that “the campus of a public university, at least for its students, possesses many of the characteristics of a public forum . . .”).⁵

With particular respect to the campus quads that the university has designated as a public forum, the law—at most—permits Cal Poly Humboldt to enforce content-neutral time, place, and manner restrictions that are narrowly tailored to substantial government interests and leave open ample alternatives for communication. See *Ward v. Rock Against Racism*, 491 U.S. 781, 795 n.5 (1989); *Berger v. City of Seattle*, 569 F.3d 1029, 1041 (9th Cir. 2009). A complete ban on access to public places is “narrowly tailored . . . only if each activity within the proscription’s scope is an appropriately targeted evil.” *Frisby v. Schultz*, 487 U.S. 474, 485 (1988).

Cal Poly Humboldt’s sustained blanket closure of campus fails this constitutional test. It is unbounded as to time and unreasonable as to purpose. Simply put: the university’s 24-hour ban on public access continuing day-to-day for days on end is the opposite of “narrowly tailored.”

Students, faculty, and members of the public are not an evil to be guarded against or silenced. Keeping them away from campus while the academic year is still underway is disruptive and punitive to the entire school community. Excluding these individuals from campus also contravenes the university’s stated commitment to “affording all members of the University community the protections of freedom of speech, expression, assembly, religion, and press available under the U.S. and California Constitutions”

6 Notably, Cal Poly Humboldt’s sustained campus closure does not appear to fall within its Campus Closure Policy.



⁷ That policy applies only when “an emergency or unplanned event occurs that threatens the safety of persons or property.” Whatever may have happened previously, it is difficult to see how any such emergency currently exists that could justify the complete closure of the entire campus, including its designated public forum spaces. That clean-up work might be more expedient without observation does not provide a basis to exclude observers. And the university is “not free to foreclose expressive activity in public areas on mere speculation about danger.” *Bay Area Peace Navy v. United States*, 914 F.2d 1224, 1228 (9th Cir. 1990).

Moreover, even if the sustained campus-wide closure did somehow comport with the law (and to be clear, it does not), the university’s severe restrictions on press access are constitutionally problematic. These restrictions also hurt the public’s ability to be informed. So long as officials are publicly conducting official business on campus that is a matter of public concern—which the recent campus protests and mass arrests undoubtedly are—the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I section 2 of the California Constitution protect the right to report on that conduct. See *Askins v. U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec.*, 899 F.3d 1035, 1044 (9th Cir. 2018); see also *Index Newspapers LLC v. U.S. Marshals Serv.*, 977 F.3d 817, 831 (9th Cir. 2020) (concluding that, in light of the “limited time and resources” that most people have “to observe at first hand the operations of [] government,” the press has long been understood to play a vitally important role in holding the government accountable”).

California lawmakers have made explicitly clear that the press serves a crucial role in keeping communities informed in moments like these. In 2021, the Legislature passed a law to ensure that the press has access to “document[] history and inform[] the public” so that all manner of newsworthy events may be observed and reported on without interference. Cal. Sen., Third Reading for 2021 Cal. S.B. 98, at 2 (Sept. 3, 2021); see also Cal. Penal Code §§ 409.5(d), 409.7(a). The Court of Appeal has similarly stated that California law demands “the news media must be afforded special access to disaster sites in order that they may properly perform their function of informing the public.” *Leiserson v. City of San Diego*, 184 Cal. App. 3d 41, 51 (1986) (citing Cal. Penal Code § 409.5(d)).

Given the strong legal principles favoring press access, Cal Poly Humboldt’s recently distributed Process for Media Access is far too limited. See Ex. A. The process adopts an overly restrictive approach with respect to both credentialing and timing. First, the process demands that reporters email in advance their “press credential” or “authorization from your news outlet.” Id. But California law does not require that a reporter be on assignment from a particular news organization to gain press access.⁸ Nor does the law necessarily require reporters to provide identification or contact information for themselves or others. As recognized by the Los Angeles Police Department—one of the largest municipal police departments in the country—“the inability to produce identification does not preclude an individual from acting as a member of the media.”⁹ And second, it is untenable that members of the press would have to limit themselves to “check-in” between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The news does not typically operate on a schedule.

Lastly, and in regards to reports that a member of the press



was detained by law enforcement officers or otherwise prevented from newsgathering while on campus this week, we would like to take this opportunity to respectfully remind the university that the press, including student journalists, are not the enemy. They are people doing the brave, tireless, and sometimes messy work of reporting on public events. They should be afforded the university’s respect, and the public’s gratitude.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge you to lift the “hard closure” on campus. We believe this complete and sustained exclusion of the public, including non-resident students, faculty, and the press, is wrong on the law and misguided as to policy.

Sincerely,
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1 Cal Poly Humboldt, Emergency, *Updates for Campus Hard Closure during Finals Week*, Bulletin dated May 3, 2024 – 6 p.m.
2 See Email dated May 2, 2024 from “News@humboldt.edu” with Subject: *Process for Media Access to Cal Poly Humboldt Campus During Hard Closure*, attached as **Exhibit A**.
3 See Cal Poly Humboldt, Emergency, *Enforced Hard Closure of Campus*, Bulletin dated April 27, 2024 – 12:41 pm, humboldt.edu/emergency.
4 See, generally Cal Poly Humboldt Policy No. EM:P10-01, *Time, Place, and Manner of Free Expression Policy*; see also id., Section VI, Designated Public Forums (“The University Center Quad (UC Quad) area adjacent to the University Center/Student Union and the Balabanis-Art Quad (Art Quad) outside of the Van Duzer Theater are Designated Public Forums in which members of the University community and non-University community may exercise their free speech rights without special restriction . . .”).
5 LoMonte & Greenberg, (*Not*) *Ready for Their Close-Up: Camera-Shy Colleges Lose First Amendment Focus in Restricting Campus Filming*, 84 U. Pitt. L. Rev. Spring 2023 (providing forum analysis under First Amendment).
6 Cal Poly Humboldt Policy No. EM:P10-01, *Time, Place, & Manner of Free Expression Policy*.
7 Cal. Policy Humboldt Policy No. EM:P03-04, *Campus Closure Policy*.
8 See, e.g., Cal. Penal Code § 409.7 (no definition of term “duly authorized representative of any news service, online news service, newspaper, or radio or television station or network”); id. §409.5 (same).
9 See Los Angeles Press Club, Definition of Protected Journalist for Penal Code 409.7(a), lapressclub.org/definition-protected-journalist-penal-code-section-409-7a/.

Restrictions were reasonable, neutral, policy-based and temporary

May 14, 2024
VIA E-MAIL
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ACLU of Northern California
David Loy
Legal Director
First Amendment Coalition

Re: Emergency Campus Closure at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt Dear Ms. Thacher and Mr. Loy:

I write on behalf of California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (“Cal Poly Humboldt” or “University”) in response to your letter of May 4, 2024.

Cal Poly Humboldt appreciates your comments and, like your organizations, is committed to ensuring that the University’s students, employees, the press, and the public may exercise their constitutionally protected rights of free expression, speech and assembly consistent with the law and the University’s Time, Place and Manner policy, P[21-03].¹ As explained below, Cal Poly Humboldt’s recent emergency hard closure of campus² is consistent with both. Nevertheless, prior to receiving your letter, the University was already working toward reopening the campus on a progressive schedule even in the face of ongoing criminal activity and threats to University property. As a result of those efforts, the University has already started its planned soft opening, with the intention of transitioning to fully open campus by May 28.3

Although the issues are or will soon be moot, Cal Poly Humboldt would like to take this opportunity to address your concerns regarding the campus closure and press access.

I. The University May Close Even Designated Public Fora On Campus

Your letter argues that the University’s emergency campus closure is a restriction on speech in a designated public forum that is not sufficiently narrowly tailored. This framing is incorrect in at least two important respects.

First, the University closed the entire campus. As your letter acknowledges, the entire campus is not a “designated public forum.” Although there may be designated or limited public fora within the campus, such

as the University Center Quad, other parts of campus are not generally available to the public. Because courts evaluate restrictions on speech in different fora under different levels of scrutiny, restrictions on speech in different parts of campus would need to be evaluated on a forum-by-forum basis. See, e.g., *Currier v. Potter*, 379 F.3d 716, 727 (9th Cir. 2004) (“[W]e must first determine the relevant forum in which [plaintiff] seeks to exercise his First Amendment rights; then decide whether the forum is public or nonpublic in nature; and, finally, we must apply the appropriate level of scrutiny as dictated by the nature of the forum.”). This is not the right conceptual framework, however, because Cal Poly Humboldt did not merely restrict speech; it closed fora altogether.

That brings us to the second error in your letter: The law is clear that Cal Poly Humboldt “may close” even a designated public forum “whenever it wants.” Id. at 728 (citing *Perry Educ. Ass’n v. Perry Local Educators’ Ass’n*, 460 U.S. 37, 48-49 (1983)). Although the University needs no reason, there is no debating its content- and viewpoint-neutral reason in this instance: The University closed the entire campus, in part, to address serious safety issues and the takeover of multiple University buildings by students and nonstudents, resulting in extensive damage to University property and a significant disruption of normal campus operations. The President of Cal Poly Humboldt authorized the campus closure in response to this emergency, consistent with the preexisting, content- and viewpoint-neutral Campus Closure Policy and state law. See 5 Cal. Code. Regs. § 41302. Cal Poly Humboldt can certainly close fora on campus to avoid further disruption and damage to University property. See *DiLoreto v. Downey Unified Sch. Dist. Bd. of Educ.*, 196 F.3d 958, 970 (9th Cir. 1999) (“[T]he fact that the District chose to close the forum rather

than ... risk further disruption ... does not constitute viewpoint discrimination.”).

II. The University May Implement Viewpoint-Neutral Press-Access Criteria

Your letter also raises concerns about press access. The University respectfully disagrees that it has “severely[] restrict[ed] ... press access” during the campus closure and that the press is entitled to greater access than the public. See *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. 665, 684 (1972) (explaining that “the First Amendment does not guarantee the press a constitutional right of special access to information not available to the public generally”).

As a preliminary matter, there has been no access to Siemens Hall, Nelson Hall East, and the areas surrounding both buildings for either the press or the general public because these are crime scenes. The press does not have a constitutional right to access crime scenes. See *Branzburg*, 408 U.S. at 684 (“Newsmen have no constitutional right of access to the scenes of crime ... when the general public is excluded”).

The press has been able to access the rest of campus throughout the hard closure, by satisfying two basic conditions: (1) requesting access and providing press credentials or other authorization from a media outlet, photo identification, personal contact information, and emergency contact information; and (2) checking in at a designated location within designated hours each day they desire to access campus. As of May 8, the check-in requirement was eliminated “[t]o provide more flexibility for accessing campus during the hard closure and for covering Commencement.” No requests for media access have been denied. These would be reasonable, content- and viewpoint-neutral press-access procedures even in the absence of ongoing criminal activity and threats to University property at Cal Poly Humboldt. See, e.g., *TGP Commc’ns LLC v. Sellers*, 642 F. Supp.

3d 957, 968 (D. Ariz. 2022) (acknowledging the County’s “right to set criteria for allowing people to get into buildings and to attend press conferences” in light of “the County’s well-founded safety concerns and limited space”).

The statutes cited in your letter do not say otherwise and do not apply here. Cal. Penal Code § 409.7 applies to command posts established at demonstrations, marches, protests or rallies where individuals are engaged in activities protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution or Article I of the California Constitution. Cal. Penal Code § 409.5 applies if a “menace to the public health or safety is created by a calamity including a flood, storm, fire, earthquake, explosion, accident, or other disaster.” By their terms, neither statute applies to the University’s current campus closure. If either did, Cal Poly Humboldt’s press-access procedures would be reasonable means of ensuring that media representatives seeking to access campus are “duly authorized representatives” of a news organization, as both statutes require. See Cal. Penal Code § 409.7(a); id. § 409.5(d).

I hope this letter addresses your questions and reassures your organizations that Cal Poly Humboldt is actively working toward a complete and imminent reopening of campus. If you have further questions regarding this matter, please direct your communications to me.

Very truly yours,
Stephanie G. Herrera
MUNGER, TOLLES & OLSON LLP
cc: Dustin May, University Counsel for California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

1 Available at <https://policy.humboldt.edu/time-place-and-manner-free-speech-and-expression-commercial-activity-and-use-university-buildings> (posted October 2021). Please note that your letter addresses a superseded version of this policy.
2 See Updates for Campus Hard Closure During Finals Week, available at <https://www.humboldt.edu/emergency> (posted May 3, 2024).
3 See Information Regarding Campus Soft Opening and Transition Timeline to Normal Operations, available at <https://www.humboldt.edu/emergency> (posted May 13, 2024).



OPINIONNews

Seismic regulations threaten MRCH

Mad River Community Hospital is a needed and important hospital for our community. Mad River may be forced to close by 2030 unless they meet mandated seismic upgrades to their facilities.

The costs associated with these upgrades and the time to complete them put Mad River at risk of meeting these deadlines.

The legislation that mandated these upgrades have a main focus for multi-storied hospitals in the state and does not take in to account rural hospitals, such as Mad

River, and their one story, wooden structures that have proven over and over again that they can withstand earthquakes that we have experienced for years in Humboldt County.

This “one size fits all” legislation does a disservice to our state’s rural hospitals.

The millions of dollars that are required for these seismic upgrades could be used to recruit medical personnel that is so badly needed in Humboldt County and also preserve many of the quality medical services that Mad River currently provides such as the Birth Center, the Pain Treatment Center, the Wound Center, Hyperbaric Medicine and Imaging.

Senator McGuire and Assemblyman Wood are sponsoring legislation that would ease these burdens on rural hospitals.

I urge you to reach out to our elected officials via email for support of SB 1432 and AB 869. Contact Senator McGuire at senator.mcguire@senate.ca.gov and contact Assemblymember Wood at sage.miller@asm.ca.gov.

The community of Northern Humboldt cannot afford to have its Mad River Community Hospital close.

Please help.

David Lonn
Mad River Community Hospital
Advisory Board
Arcata

LETTERS

Abortion ban’s real goals

Those who advocate for making birth control and abortion unavailable, even when a woman’s life is endangered by the pregnancy, or the fetus is not viable, or is unwanted, have two goals in mind.

First is complete control and submission of women and the second is cannon fodder for endless wars.

If they proclaim otherwise they’re lying.

Margo Gross

It’s easy to stay endlessly engaged with life amid the seaside village’s cultural bounty

Do you love bats? The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust announces that curious volunteer naturalists are sought to “dive into the exhilarating world of winged wonders as part of the Bat Conservation International community science program.”

You can help collect vital data for the North American Bat Monitoring Program equipped with an acoustic detector and your enthusiasm. TCLT advises that participation is limited. The first three people to sign up will be given participation priority.

The program will include an introductory meeting on Monday, June 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the TCLT office-gallery behind Trinidad Library.

Eight hours of online, self-paced tutorials will teach you all about bats, threats they are facing, ways to study and conserve them, and how to monitor them using a bat detector (an ultrasonic microphone and recorder).

Volunteers will set up a bat detector outside of their homes for four nights around summer solstice. There will be a wrap-up discussion to meet fellow scientists and share data.

For questions, email alex@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org.

Open Lighthouse Saturday, June 1

The 1871 Trinidad Head Lighthouse will be open on Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to noon, courtesy of the Bureau of

Land Management, the Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum docents. Pedestrian access only up the one-half mile road to the open gate.

Salal, twinberry, ceanothus (mountain lilac), monkey flowers, manroot, forget-me-nots and other blossoming spring flowers all make the walk up to the lighthouse, perched 175’ above sea level on the southwest side of Trinidad Head, a fragrant, visual delight.

Community Yard Sale June 8

The City of Trinidad invites town residents to host your own yard sale or team up with neighbors to offer treasures and no-longer-needed items from your home and garage to others. The idea is to rid your home of clutter which otherwise might go to land fill.

The rules are: set up by 10 a.m. on June 8; no early birds, the City will advertise via local media and provide signs (however you must email coordinator Jennifer Hakenen by May 30 to ensure there is signage for your street); sale will take place regardless of weather conditions. The sale ends at 3 p.m.

Email jhakenen@trinidad.ca.gov or call (707) 677-0133 for information.

Retrospective and Member Sharing at Trinidad Civic Club

Trinidad Civic Club holds its last meeting of the season on Thursday, June 6 at 10 a.m. in the Club Room, Town Hall.

Co-Presidents Jan West and

Dana Hope will present a slide show highlighting events activities from recent years, with the near completion of the Memorial Lighthouse at the Harbor project with the Trinidad Rancheria a principal achievement.

Members, prospective members and guests are cordially invited to attend. Email tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org for questions.

Steve Poltz playing in Trinidad on July 8

Storyteller and Musician Steve Poltz is returning to Trinidad on Monday, July 8 at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Better reserve your ticket now at eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-steve-poltz-tickets-897735620407 as the hall normally fills up for this eclectic entertainer.

Poltz, invited to Trinidad by long-time fans Sherry and Chuck Vanderpool, is a festival favorite from Bluesfest in Byron Bay, High Sierra Music Festival, Telluride Bluegrass Festival in Colorado to the Cayamo Cruise, where he got married.

He’s recorded over a dozen albums and has been critically acclaimed by *Rolling Stone*, Associated Press, *Billboard* and others. Sherry writes that he’s been touring for years performing hundreds of shows but “he’s still creatively firing on all cylinders.”

Mark your summer calendar for Trinidad Bay Art and Music Festival (TBAM) 2024 Coming to the Town Hall August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net

Playhouse Arts delivers a range of artistic expression for the community

Local artists have played a pivotal role in fostering different communities. They bring people together and create an environment where diverse voices can be heard.

Arcata’s local arts agency, Playhouse Arts, aims to do just that and build a community inspired to do good through meaningful artistic expression.

Playhouse Arts has various programs to promote the arts for people of all ages. Programs like Artists In Schools and the Wonder Wagon bring art to the youth of Humboldt County.

Artists In Schools brings working artists to different schools to teach students, promote creative thinking, and deepen the sense of community.

The Wonder Wagon is another way Playhouse Arts encourages artistic expression for kids of all ages, providing free art experiences to different communities within Humboldt County.

As part of the 18th Annual Family Fun Series, Boxtales Theatre Company of Santa Barbara performs at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., this Saturday, June 1 at 2 and 7 p.m. These shows are attendable by donation, thanks to local and state funding.

Not only does Playhouse Arts offer artistic opportunities for

children, but there are plenty of ways for adults to get involved.

The program Our Space Arts provides free art classes to unhoused and housing-insecure artists from a wide array of art disciplines and backgrounds.

Playhouse Arts also provides a community-powered Internet radio station called Humboldt Hot Air (HHA). Like all the programs within Playhouse Arts, HHA showcases and promotes diverse local voices within the community. From music to talk programming, HHA is another way that Playhouse Arts promotes and amplifies art.

To promote community artists even further, this column, sponsored by Playhouse Arts, aims to showcase and spotlight different artists and events within Humboldt County.

Whether it’s sculpting, singing or dancing, All Things Art is here to provide artists of any discipline a platform or stage to showcase their creativity.

Once a week, this column will feature a new artist or art-centered event to shine a spotlight on. If you would like to be spotlighted or have a suggestion for a different artist or event, you can reach out at allthingsart@playhousearts.org.



ALL THINGS ART
Mario Orozco



BLACKBERRY PIES BURSTING OUT OF THE FREEZER “Our freezer is bursting at the seams,” said Erica Ervin, a member of the Westhaven Ladies Club. “We’ve made 1,062 pies and we need freezer room!” The club makes pies every Tuesday from January to July to get ready for the Westhaven Blackberry Festival, always held on the last Sunday of July. Every year is different, some have lots of blackberries and some have the ladies scrambling for enough berries. This year is one of abundant berries. So the club will sell frozen pies with baking instructions for \$20 (cash or check only) every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. That’s right, every Tuesday from now until the festival. No more parking woes and fear of coming away empty handed. “We’ll be making jams and jellies and we’ll be there every Tuesday afternoon,” Ervin said. “If we sell enough pies, we can make more.” All the delicious proceeds support the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department. The fire hall is located on Sixth Avenue in Westhaven. For more information, (707) 599-1402..

JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION



Left, Sean Nordquist, Melissa Long and Matt Anderson.

MRCH PHOTOS



Left, Matt Anderson and Doug Shaw. Right, Eric Lono.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK AT MRCH

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

ARCATA – Each year the American Hospital Association celebrates hospitals, health systems and health care workers during National Hospital Week which took place this year Sunday, May 12 through Saturday, May 18.

Celebration events at Mad River Community Hospital started Monday and included chair massage, a taco bar on Tuesday, and an ice cream social on Wednesday.

Staff were treated to a barbecue on Thursday of steak and chicken. All staff were entered for raffle prizes with winners announced as they enjoyed their lunch.

Friday was more chair massage and an

opportunity to take advantage of hot yoga sessions at Old School Hot Yoga in Arcata.

Mad River Community Hospital staff have taken on unimaginable challenges and have risen to the occasion repeatedly, and we think it’s essential that we share our appreciation.

We are proud and we are grateful...and we are pleased to honor all of our staff, whether it be patient care, admitting, records, birth center, environmental services, nutrition, administration, business office, physical therapy.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our community by providing compassionate care.

SCENE

AT THE GRANGE Don't mess with
this Sasquatch! SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dell'Arte to present Prize of Hope awards during Baduwa’t Festival

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL
BLUE LAKE – As part of a celebration of 50 years of creations, Dell'Arte International presents the 2024 Prize of Hope. This year's Prize of Hope will honor Brenda Wong Aoki and Mark Izu of San Francisco's First Voice at the 2024 Baduwa't Festival.

The Prize of Hope Ceremony will occur at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 7 in the Carlo Theater, 131 H St., Blue Lake. Tickets include the ceremony, consisting of a short performance and the presentation of the Prize, drinks and a dinner. Events will end in time for participants to also attend the closing performance of *The Poor of New York* on Dell'Arte's Rooney Amphitheater.

Advance tickets are required and are available at dellarte.com.

Dell'Arte has been offering the Prize of Hope with the Danish Institute of Pop-



PRIZE OF HOPE Brenda Wong Aoki and Mark Izu.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Restaurants | Closures, openings

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Facebook page. “Glad we got to say goodbye and pour a last one out for the homies. Even though our construction company built the bright side, the dark side always had our heart... RIP Arcata Alibi.”

“Bummer,” summarized Union photographer Bob Doran, regarding Japhy’s. “Speaking from personal experience and hard life lessons, I know firsthand how difficult it is to make a go of it in the restaurant business.”

But the restaurant scene is always churning, with new eventual icons being born all the time. Right across the street from Japhy’s a new ramen restaurant is aborning.

According to the *Lost Coast Outpost*, Susukino Ramen Bar is about to open in the location formerly occupied by a variety of restaurants, Big Pete's and, back in the day, a Domino's Pizza outlet. There, ramen dishes along with skewers and other Japanese fare will be available.

Meanwhile in Sunny Brae, the Shawarma Chaletis preparing for a June opening in Sunny Brae Center, at the former La Trattoria and Crocodile Café location. The new spot will offer Mediterranean grab-and-go meals, and is advertising for employees on Craigslist.

In McKinleyville, the old Niveen's restaurant was recently remodeled, renamed and reopened as Joe's Green Barn, located at 2145 Central Ave. The restaurant serves "American" food and online reviewers have commented positively about large portions and quality service.

ular Theater since 2008; past recipients include Universes (2018), Cornerstone Theater (2016), Tim Robbins & the Actor's Gang (2008), and many more! This is an event that is truly international and not to be missed.

Since 1976, Brenda Wong Aoki and Mark Izu have, together and separately, created multi-disciplinary work that has received national and international acclaim. The two prominent Asian-American artists were founding faculty at the Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford, and their broad vision for this organization had its roots in their experience.

First Voice was founded in 1995 to provide an organizational structure for their collaborations, which center on the creation of contemporary American art by working in and adapting non-Western theatrical, musical, and spoken word traditions.

“Brenda was an actress in the very first tour of The Dell'Arte Company with their production of *Loon's Rage*. And then Mark Izu composed and played the music for Dell'Arte's production of *Original Instructions*, a collaboration with the Karuk and the Hmong cultures in the telling of creation stories,” notes Producing Artistic Director Emerita Michael Fields. “Their work gives voice to those who are not often heard. And that is an act of Hope that makes them very deserving of the 2024 Prize of Hope.”

First Voice's mission is to create and present the stories and music of people living between worlds. Critical to this mission is "personal experience" or "voice" as essential to authentic pan-world culture.

Through their pursuit of this distinctive purpose, First Voice has, over the

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00082

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MISTY MOUNTAIN FLORA**
536 WARREN CREEK ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MARCIA F. DAVIS
536 WARREN CREEK ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/MARSHA F. DAVIS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00260

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOST COAST CATERING, UNIQUELY YOURS CATERING**
780 7TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 278
799 H ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JOHANNA E. GROSS
780 7TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JOHANNA GROSS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 7, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00276

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AQUATRACE GENOMICS**
1210 MCCARTNEY LANE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
ANDREW KINZIGER
1210 MCCARTNEY LANE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/ANDREW KINZIGER, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 14, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JC/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00269

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DECK THE HALLS**
2186 STATE HIGHWAY 96
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
P.O. BOX 663
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT LISA D. ROBERTS P.O. BOX 663 WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/LISA ROBERTS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 8, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00251

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MATCH STRIKE DESIGN**
3370 CHURCH STREET
FORTUNA, CA 95540
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JESSICA C. CARENCO
3370 CHURCH STREET
FORTUNA, CA 95540
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JESSICA CARENCO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 6, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00242

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VIP PETCARE**
1135 N. MCDOWELL BLVD.
PETALUMA, CA 94954
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMUNITY VETERINARY CLINICS, LLC
DE 201422710114
230 E. RIVERSIDE DR.
EAGLE, ID 83616
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S/JEFF CAYWOOD, SECRETARY OF PETIQ, LLC, ITS MEMBER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 2, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00243

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LEIDOS QTC HEALTH SERVICES**
3798 JANES ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
QTC MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. CALIFORNIA
2376833
924 OVERLAND COURT
SAN DIMAS, CA 91773
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/HENRIQUE BERTOLO CANARIM, SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 2, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES

JR/DEPUTY CLERK 5/15, 5/22, 5/2, 6/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00221

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TRUE TREE SERVICE**
2351 WESTWOOD CT.
APT. #A2
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JACOB HODGE
1928 CENTRAL AVE.
#160
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JACOB HODGE, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 23, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00222

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **U.S. LENDING COMPANY**
3106 SCHOOL ST.
FORTUNA, CA 95540
3000 LAVA RIDE CT. #200
ROSEVILLE, CA 95661
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
CA 1963109
3000 LAVA RIDE CT. #200
ROSEVILLE, CA 95661
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/EDMUND "NED" PAYANT, CEO
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 23, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: CV2400654
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: MARK DAVID MILBRANDT, and Does 1 to 50, inclusive.
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): RUSSELL WAHLUND, SANDI WAHLUND, AND SUSAN DIMMICK
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court

clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court

825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Dustin E. Owens
244173
Owens & Ross
1118 Sixth St.,
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-1185
Meara Hattan, Clerk
Deputy, Zack N.
Date: April 5, 2024
5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME MELINDA KATHERINE SULLIVAN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2400894 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **MELINDA KATHERINE SULLIVAN**
to Proposed name: **MELINDA NOVA SILVA**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: July 12, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: May 9, 2024
Timothy A. Canning, Judge of the Superior Court

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name: Titan Nelson
Case No. JV2400022
1. To: Meghan Wyatt., and anyone claiming to be a parent of Titan Nelson, born on 02/27/2024, at Providence-St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on August 14, 2024, at 8:31 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.

4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
VINCENT UBERTI, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #286854
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-7236
DATE: May 13, 2024
Meara Hatten, CEO, Clerk, by Vickie I., Deputy
5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following titled Ordinance 24-22, an Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District reinstating the compensation for members of the Arcata Fire Protection District Governing Board, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 13857 was adopted by the Arcata Fire Protection District Board of Directors on May 14, 2024, by the following polled vote:

AYES: Directors Aka-na, Johnson, Maynor, and Loudenslager
NOES: Director Mendosa
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The purpose of the adoption of Ordinance 24-22 by the District is to reinstate compensation for members of the Arcata Fire Protection District Governing Board.

Summary of Ordinance 24-22: Prior to 2001, Board members were compensated quarterly for attendance at Board meetings. This practice was stopped in fiscal year 03/04 due to budget constraints. In 2013 the Board passed Resolution 13-141 calling for the reinstatement of the compensation. At the January 2016 Board meeting, the Board, through the consent calendar, removed the Board compensation section from the Board Policy Manual. At the request of the Board during the January 2024 Board meeting, District staff were directed to further research the reinstatement of Board compensation for meeting attendance.

The Board Policy manual was updated with the following items:
• Only regular and special meetings would be compensable
• The Clerk of the Board would be responsible for tracking the compensable attendance of Board members and will use the roll call attendance at meetings as the official record
• Compensation would be made quarterly and in direct deposit format
• If a Board member opts out of compensation, they would need to send a letter requesting such to the Clerk of the Board
• Staff recommended the compensation take effect July 1, 2024, so that funds

could be included in the FY 2024/25 budget. A complete copy of Ordinance 24-22 may be reviewed in its entirety at the Arcata Fire Protection District's Administrative Office located at 2149 Central Avenue, McKinleyville, CA 95519.
Katie Hill
Clerk of the Board
Arcata Fire Protection District
Dated: 05-20-24
5/29

First Voice looks for symbols, parables, and shared intent between people that can be woven together to create universal understanding. Their work has garnered Emmys, Dramalogue Awards, Critic Circle Awards, Indie Awards, Goldies, Certificates of Merit from the California State Legislature, San Francisco Mayor, Board of Supervisors and commissions from U.S. Congress, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Japanese Department of Cultural Affairs, the Asian Arts Council, the Rockefeller Foundation, the U.S. Japan Friendship, Meet-the-Composer, the Gerbode Foundation, the Dramatist Guild and the American Association of Authors, Composers and Publishers (ASCAP).

CITY OF ARCATA FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Arcata City Council will conduct a public hearing at its Special Meeting scheduled to be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2024, at City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California 95521. The public hearing concerns the following items:
Proposed resolution adopting the Tax Appropriation Limit for FY 2024-25 ("Gann Limit"), pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution and California Government Code Title 1, Division 9, and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget, pursuant to Arcata Municipal Code Section 2305.
The Tax Appropriation Limit calculations and work papers are currently available for review at City Hall during business hours. Staff reports and additional documentation regarding the adoption of the Tax Appropriation Limit and FY 2024-25 Budget will be available to the public on the City's website at www.cityofarcata.org and at City Hall during business hours on or before June 7, 2024. Members of the public may submit written comments on these matters to the City Council via email to citymgr@cityofarcata.org and public comment will be accepted during the June 12, 2024, meeting both in person and via Zoom.
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- FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS
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A golden statue of Lady Justice, blindfolded and holding a set of scales in her right hand and a sword in her left. She is standing on a pedestal.



PUMPED The new pump track in Redwood Park.

CITY OF ARCATA PHOTO

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Join City of Arcata councilmembers, staff and community members to celebrate the completion of the Redwood Park Improvement Project Phase I on Monday, June 3 at the new Redwood Park playground, 490 East Park Rd., on Monday, June 3 from 5 to 6 p.m.

The event will be a chance to experience the new recreation features and celebrate the renovations to Redwood Park that make it a regional destination for families.

Redwood Park is the City of Arcata’s premier community park in the redwood forest, providing active and passive recreation opportunities for people of all ages. An aging playground and desire for additional recreation amenities for a variety of ages led the City to pursue renovations to Redwood Park.

The first phase of the Redwood Park Improvement Project has renovated park facilities to ensure families can continue to make memories in this unique forested park setting. Recent renovations include replacement of playground equipment, accessible parking improvements and creation of a bicycle pump track.

Several years ago, the City initiated a Redwood Park Master Plan process with involvement from community members and families. Conceptual improvement designs were completed in 2020, and in 2022, City staff sought input from the community and Parks and Recreation Committee to refine the playground theme and design. Over 1,000 community members provided feedback which resulted in a forest castle-themed, universally accessible playground with nature and animal-themed play features and multi-sensory play elements.

The bicycle pump track is a paved-loop track consisting of rolling features and berms designed for youth to grow their bike handling skills to then explore the mountain bike trails in the adjacent Arcata Community Forest. The city is grateful for the expertise and support from the Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association which assisted in the design and implementation of the bicycle pump track.

Funding for completion of the Redwood Park Improvement Project Phase I was made possible through the In-fill Infrastructure Grant Program through the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, the City of Arcata’s Open Space, Parks & Trails Special Tax and the City of Arcata Recreation Fees for New Construction. Mobley Construction and Miracle Playsystems, Inc. served as contractors for park construction.

Summer camps offered through the City of Arcata Recreation Division will enjoy the new park features when summer camps kickoff in mid-June. For more information about Arcata Recreation summer camps please visit cityofarcata.org.

The city plans to implement a second phase of improvements at Redwood Park in the next two years as funding allows which may include resurfacing of the basketball court, improvements to park access and parking and/or enhancements for outdoor performances. For more information, please visit cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-8184.

Nature’s not always nice – beware harmful algal blooms

WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

SACRAMENTO – With Memorial Day weekend nearly here, the State Water Resources Control Board wants Californians to be aware of the potential for harmful algal blooms (HABs) in lakes and streams and understand how to keep children and pets from getting sick.

Because of the greater frequency of HABs during the summer months, the State Water Board recently performed pre-holiday assessments at some of the most popular water bodies across the state.

The board’s HAB web-map has been updated with the latest information so those engaging in water recreation can make informed choices to keep loved ones safe.

The board collected samples from 65 waterbodies, with lab results triggering a danger advisory at Lake Hemet and caution advisories at a few other Southern California waterbodies. With temperatures rising throughout the summer, there is the potential for more HABs containing greater toxicity.

Freshwater HABs can cause illness and be especially harmful to children and pets. To learn how to stay safe, report a bloom, and track multiple blooms statewide, the public can access the board’s web portal. HABs can be a variety of colors – green, white, red or brown – and often have the appearance of thick paint or small flakes floating on the water. Cyanobacteria can also grow as mats attached to rocks, sand or other plants at the bottom of a water body. These mats sometimes float to the surface and wind up along shorelines.

The public can safely enjoy the outdoors this summer by practicing these healthy water habits:

- Heed instructions on posted advisories if present
- Avoid algae and scum in the water and on the shore
- If it appears that a harmful algal bloom is present, do not let pets and other animals drink the water or eat scum/algal accumulations on the shore
- Don’t drink or use untreated water for cooking
- Wash yourself and your pets with clean water after water play
- If you catch fish, throw away guts and clean fillets with tap water or bottled water before cooking
- Avoid eating shellfish if you think a harmful algal bloom is present

Because cyanobacteria can produce toxins, they have the potential to harm the environment, people, pets, wildlife or livestock. Dogs and children are most likely to be affected because of their smaller body size, increased potential to swallow water while swimming, and tendency to stay in the water longer. Recreational exposure to cyanobacteria and associated toxins can cause eye irritation, skin rash, vomiting, diarrhea and cold and flu-like symptoms.

Dogs are especially susceptible because they tend to drink while in the water and lick their fur afterward, increasing their risk of exposure and illness. Symptoms with animals include vomiting or diarrhea, lethargy, abnormal liver function test results, difficulty breathing, foaming at the mouth, muscle twitching, and sometimes death. The Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment has a fact sheet to help inform dog owners.

The public should get medical treatment immediately if they believe that they, their pets or livestock have gotten sick after going in the water and alert the medical professional to the possible contact with cyanobacteria. Also, they should make sure to contact the local county public health department. To report a bloom or a potentially related human or animal illness: Fill out the Bloom Report form on the portal. Email CyanoHAB.reports@waterboards.ca.gov. Call the HABs hotline: 1-844-729-6466 (toll free)

For more information about HABs, please visit the California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal.

Along with fun, danger lurks around local waterways

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

AUBURN – Water flows are cold and higher in rivers and streams due to the spring snowmelt. Outdoor recreationists should remain aware and cautious as higher flows mean dangerously cold, swiftly moving water.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) urges those who venture near rivers and streams to take extra precautions, especially around hydroelectric facilities and dams, where flow conditions can change rapidly. Swimming in cold, swift water is not recommended.

“The melting snowpack is creating cold, higher flows,” said Dave Gabard, PG&E vice president of Power Generation. “We encourage everyone recreating in or near water to be situationally aware and have a plan to quickly and safely escape in case of changing water flows and cold temperatures.”

Most California rivers are fed by snowmelt, making them cold even in summer. Simple actions can save lives, such as recognizing if the water is too cold or swift, knowing your limits, wearing a life jacket or simply by not entering the water when conditions seem unsafe.

Below are some water safety tips:

Know the Risks

Prevention is the best way to save a person from drowning. By the time a person is struggling in the water, a rescue is extremely unlikely and places the rescuer at risk.

Sudden immersion in cold water can stimulate the “gasp reflex,” causing an involuntary inhalation of air or water. It can even trigger cardiac arrest, temporary paralysis, hypothermia and drowning. When faced with swift water, even the strongest swimmers can be easily overwhelmed.

Cold water entering the ear canal can cause vertigo and disorientation. This can confuse swimmers, potentially causing them to venture deeper into the water.

Cold water also reduces body heat 25 to 30 times faster than air does at the same temperature and causes impairment that can be fatal.

Learn about self-rescue techniques

If you do fall into the water, here are some survival tips:

Don’t panic. Try to control your breathing; don’t gasp. A sudden, unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than one-half cup of water in a person’s lungs to drown. If you remain calm, you have a greater chance of self-rescue.

If you have a boat, stay with it. It will help you stay afloat and will be seen more easily by rescuers. If it’s capsized and a portion of the craft is above water, try to climb on top.

Stay afloat with the help of a life jacket, regain control of your breathing and keep your head above water in view of rescuers.

If possible, remove heavy shoes. Look for ways to increase buoyancy

such as by holding onto seat cushions or an ice chest.

If you’re in the water with others, huddle together facing each other to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.

If you do fall into a river without a life jacket, keep your feet pointed downstream and turn onto your back.

If you fall into the water with waders on, roll onto the shore. Wear a belt with waders.

Know your limits

Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool. People tire more quickly and can get into trouble.

Many unseen obstacles can be lurking below the water’s surface. This is especially the case during spring and early summer snowmelt. Rising water can make these obstacles even more treacherous. Guided trips for inexperienced paddlers are recommended

Wear a Coast Guard-Approved Life Jacket

Conditions change quickly in open water and even the best swimmers can misjudge the water and their skills when boating or swimming.

Adult supervision

Actively supervise children in and around open bodies of water, giving them your undivided attention. Do not assume that someone is watching them. Appoint a designated “water watcher,” taking turns with other adults. Use the buddy system and never swim alone.

Six Rivers National Forest offers firewood cutting areas

SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST

GASQUET – The Smith River Complex Fire suppression repair team have been working to safely open firewood cutting areas along Highway 199, on the Gasquet Ranger District.

Personal firewood cutting is now open along Highway 199 corridor, except two locations: milepost 19.64 (Waterfall) and milepost 24.65 (Dollar Sign Curve). These two locations will open once heavy equipment operations are completed.

A firewood permit is required and can be purchased at the Gasquet Ranger Station, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A personal-use firewood-cutting permit is \$2 per cord with a minimum charge of \$20. A maximum of 10 cords may be purchased per individual per

year and expires Dec. 31, 2024.

The permit is for personal-use firewood only, not for resale. No commercial permits are available.

The Six Rivers National Forest (SRNF) is open all year to firewood cutting unless otherwise restricted by the permit or by special closures. Active timber sale areas; posted “no wood cutting” areas; wilderness areas; administrative sites; within 150 feet of campgrounds; and within 300 feet of rivers, year-round streams, and lakes are closed to firewood cutting.

Firewood permit will include a map delineating open and restricted cutting areas. In open areas, all species of dead and down trees may be cut and removed in portions less than 5 feet long, as well all species of standing dead trees 18 inches or less in diameter (measured at 4.5 feet above the ground).

During summer, early fall, or fire season, parts of the SRNF may be closed to cutting due to fire danger or extreme weather conditions.

Between May 1 and Dec. 1, a pre-recorded message will state the predicted Project Activity Level (PAL) requirements for the next day. Call (707) 441-3665 or visit fs.usda.gov/goto/srnf/firewood-pal for any firewood cutting restrictions that may be in effect.

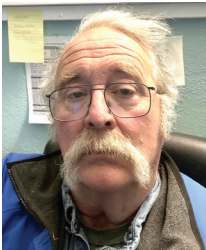
It is the permittee’s responsibility to comply with fire prevention precautions that may restrict access to areas in the forest.

For questions, contact the Gasquet Ranger Station at (707) 457-3131.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 1. Meet leader Lynn Jones at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center (AMIC) on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on the human and natural history of the North Bay. (707) 826-2359.

OYSTER TALK WITH DAVID COUCH

Join David Couch on June 5 at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center to hear about oysters: both the local industry and our native species, followed by a Q&A session. With the Arcata Bay Oyster Festival happening soon, this is the perfect time to learn more about these valuable bivalves. The presentation will be simulcast via Zoom at humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/83083326112?pwd=VFNrMWlmWTBoNlNObThC-boRwbTQoUTog and uploaded afterward to the FOAM YouTube channel. (707) 826-2359.



David Couch



❖ ECO BRIEFS

HIKE HEADWATERS Opportunities to revel in the beauty of ancient redwood stands await outdoor enthusiasts who reserve space on a free guided hike offered by the Bureau of Land Management along the Salmon Pass Trail at the southern end of the Headwaters Forest Reserve near Fortuna. Hikes are planned for weekend dates into October. Hikers can expect to cover three miles in the novembers that last three to four hours with 360 feet of elevation change. Registration is required for each outing. Registration is now open for weekend hikes through July. Registration links will open for each scheduled hike two months in advance and close three days prior to each hike. Register at blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/headwaters-forest-reserve. The hikes are among many events scheduled to celebrate 25 years since establishment of the 7,472-acre Headwaters Forest Reserve.

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OYSTER FESTIVAL

Welcome to the 34th annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival

Welcome to the 34th Annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival, proudly organized by the Arcata Chamber of Commerce on the Arcata Plaza on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Continuing the rich tradition upheld by Arcata Main Street for many years, this year's festivities promise a celebration of everything local – food, libations and music for all who attend.

34TH ANNUAL

Oyster Fest

ARCATA BAY.CA

June 15th, 2024



We are proud to offer an array of local beer, wine and more! from various establishments this year. The taps open at

10 a.m. and last call will be at 4 p.m. Remember to secure your tokens, priced at \$5 each, conveniently available for purchase at booths manned by our local banks, or avoid the line and check out our website for pre-order packages!

As always, the chamber's commitment to sustainability and zero waste is one of our top priorities. This year Bright and Green Humboldt, along with a dedicated

group of volunteers devoted to preserving the beauty of our region, will be overseeing these efforts. Through the conscientious use of recyclable cups and compostable materials, we strive to minimize our environmental footprint. Spot our green team and thank them for their passionate dedication to our cause.

Exciting news awaits with the introduction of...

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A full day of music on two stages

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA PLAZA – The 34th annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival takes place Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza.

Join this celebration of North Coast culture featuring award-winning oysters prepared by some of the best chefs and cooks in town. There will also be other tasty offerings other than oysters, along with beer, wine and cocktails.

The event features two stages on the Plaza as well as the Green Zone, a space celebrating the remarkable



CALIFORNIA POPPIES perform on the Main Stage from 2:40 to 3:40 p.m. VIA CALIFORNIA POPPIES WEBSITE

10:10 - 10:30 a.m. – DJ Funky T. Rex. Spinning funky tunes on the Plaza,

10:40 - 11:10 a.m.

LOUD Neighbors. The eclectic LOUD Neighbors Brass Band covers a variety of pop songs. They are, as their name implies, loud! Guaranteed to get you dancing.

11:15 - noon, Jacki & the Jollies – Their Bandcamp web pages describes them as “an award-worthy trauma-pop band from Eureka, California.”

12:15 - 1 p.m., Oyster Calling - Sarah Schaefer will lead the annual Oyster Calling contest. Calling all oysters! Hey, kids of all ages, step right up to the main stage at noon, where you'll have 30 seconds to show the world how to bring sea creatures scurrying from Arcata Bay straight into your mouth at the Oyster Calling Contest. All participants will be awarded fantastic prizes!

1:05 - 1:30 p.m., DJ Funky T Rex – Spinning MUSIC ♦ B4




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LOUD NEIGHBORS perform on the Main Stage from 10:40 to 11:10 a.m. VIA FACEBOOK

Green Zone celebrates cannabis industry

ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ARCATA PLAZA – The 34th Annual Oyster Festival is launching a cannabis industry section "The Green Zone." The organizers at the Arcata Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to incorporate this much-needed addition to Oyster Fest. We love our cannabis cultivators, farms, and businesses and can't wait to feature them in The Green Zone this June.

Green Zone FAQ

Where will The Green Zone be located?

Answer: The Green Zone will be situated on H Street between 10th and 11th streets near Pacific Paradise.

Will cannabis sales and consumption be allowed in The Green Zone?

The Green Zone will have **no sales** and **no consumption** of cannabis. To put it as plainly as possible you **cannot** openly smoke, vape, or dab cannabis in the Green Zone as per city regulations. The Green Zone is meant to be a space for our cannabis industry leaders and businesses to connect with our community members.

Will alcohol be allowed in The Green Zone?


No alcohol will be permitted in the Green Zone and it will be an all-ages space.

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Oyster Festival Rules

- No dogs, no pets, no glass.
- No coolers and no outside alcohol of any kind. Bags will be checked.
- You MUST buy a wristband to drink. Beer and cider are one token and wine is two tokens.
- Water bottles are allowed but are subject to being checked by gate and security staff.
- Last Call is a hard stop on alcohol sales, tokens are not valid anywhere else but the Plaza during Oyster Fest.

Free shuttle bus

The parking lot at Westwood Center (Murphy's Market) on Alliance Road will be among the areas where people can park and catch a shuttle. The parking lot and surrounding residential areas are first-come, first-serve parking. The county-provided shuttle will use this parking lot as its main hub. It will make another pickup at Arcata High and do drop-offs and pick-ups at the Plaza. The shuttle will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. HTA will be running their Orange Route (Saturday Route) as well.

Window decorating contest

ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ARCATA – We are excited to announce that we will be relaunching the best-decorated window competition during Oyster Festival!
If you have window capabilities, this is a great way to decorate your windows for the thousands of individuals who come into our lovely town for Oyster Festival.
We will conduct the judging on June 12, beginning at 5 p.m. Two winners will be announced on the Main Stage at Oyster Festival.
We encourage you to be creative and totally dive into the theme of oysters, aquaculture, and local products. Of course, you are welcome to let your creativity shine in any way you desire.
We will have an online form for you to sign up to do this so our judges know how many places to stop. This is not limited to the plaza, and we encourage businesses up and down the main roads of town to get involved!
Every business that signs up will be promoted on our social media to showcase the creativity you bring to our town!
Sign-ups end on June 10 at noon. Signing up ensures you're on the scoring sheet and receive promotion.



ARCATA PLAZA The Arcata Plaza will be the place to be on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be bands playing all day long on two stages. There will be delicious oysters prepared by the finest local cooks and chefs. Enjoy arts, crafts and, just up H Street, a Green Zone celebrating the local cannabis industry.
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ARCATA – Don't fret over parking headaches! Opt for our complimentary bike valet service at the Compass Credit Union parking lot by the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP).

Our dedicated volunteers will keep a watchful eye on your bikes, ensuring they're safe and sound.

We're committed to fostering a world where these modes of transportation are accessible, safe, and enjoyable for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, culture,

income, gender, age, or ability.

Our mission is urgent; we need to shift gears to effectively combat climate change, promote equity, and enhance safety in our community. Join us for the Oyster Festival on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and take advantage of our free bike valet service provided by CRTP.

Swing by the corner of 10th and G in Arcata, and rest assured that your bike will be securely stored and monitored throughout the event.

Thank you for choosing sustainable transportation options and for biking, walking, or riding the bus to this event!



BIKE VALET You'll save yourself the hassle of endlessly searching for parking and crawling through traffic if you use the free bike valet.

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SHELTERED FROM OCEAN WAVES AND STORMS by the North and South spits, Humboldt Bay's excellent water quality and healthy estuarine environment have created an extraordinary hot spot for shellfish mariculture, particularly oysters.

Commercial oyster production has a long history in Humboldt Bay, dating back to the 1850s, but really became established as an industry after World War II. Today, the industry includes growing seed and adult oysters and focuses on environmentally friendly production using rack and bag, long line culture and suspended culture. These techniques also produce an extremely fit oyster with a delicate flavor.

Oysters grown using these methods take approximately 2 years to reach harvestable size.

Approximately 70

percent of California's oysters are sustainably grown in Humboldt Bay, which is considered the oyster capital of California. Oyster farming in Humboldt Bay is estimated to generate \$9.6 million for the Humboldt County economy annually.



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Welcome | Something for everyone

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tion of The Green Zone, a space celebrating the remarkable cannabis industry in Humboldt County. Note, however, that smoking and sales are strictly prohibited in this designated area.

Of course the main attraction – THE OYSTERS! Along with delicious local bivalves, prepare your palate for a culinary voyage as our diverse range of food vendors tantalize taste buds with cuisines from around the globe. Come hungry!

There will be live music all day across three stages featuring beloved local bands and DJs for your listening pleasure. Time-honored raucous fun will keep your spirits high with the Shuck & Swallow Contest at Second Stage and the Oyster Calling Contest on the Main Stage.

The Best Oyster Competition will determine some of the great chefs in our area and showcase all that can be done with the beautiful bivalve.

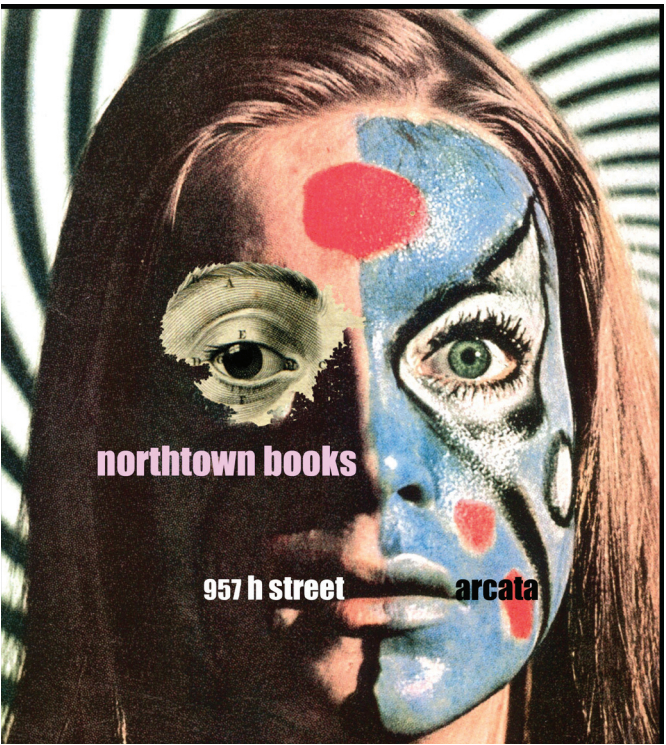
More than 70 vendors will be selling a variety of handmade goods and artisanal treats. Whether you're a shopper or a foodie, there's something for everyone at the festival. Family fun abounds in our kid's zone, with entertaining activities, summer snacks, and more. Bring the whole family along for a day that all ages can enjoy!

Get ready to slurp, savor, and soak up the sun at the Arcata Bay Oyster Festival – where the only thing more abundant than oysters is the laughter and good times!

We extend a heartfelt invitation for you to join us for an unforgettable day!

Shuck On!

Gloria Baker
Operations & Events Manager
Arcata Chamber of Commerce



Two stages | DJs, funk, ska, reggae, rock, roll

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tunes for your dancing pleasure.

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Tropiqueno – Tropiqueño is a Humboldt County music group that specializes in old-school salsa revival, a collaboration of artists coming together through their love for the African diaspora's heritage in the Caribbean and Latin America..

2:15 - 2:40 p.m., DJ Funky T Rex – Spinning funky tunes

2:40 - 3:40 p.m., The California Poppies – The California Poppies are a band native to Humboldt County, California. They combine an all original blend of 1960s nostalgia and modern psychedelia to create a sound that is completely their own. The California Poppies are composed of Dashiell Rowe, Chris Reynoso, Gabriel Lubowe, and William English III. (Source: California Poppies website.)

3:40 - 4 p.m., Funky T Rex – Spinning tunes.

4 to 5 p.m., Object Heavy – A unique fusion of vintage style hard hitting soul with modern funk, gospel and neo-soul influence.



GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE BAND Dead On takes the stage from 1:45 to 3:05 p.m. on the Second Stage during the Oyster Festival. VIA FACEBOOK

Second Stage
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Shuck & Swallow – Natalie Arroyo will lead the Shuck and Swallow Contest. Gather at the Second Stage to witness a danger-filled, edge-of-your-seat competition of flying knives and voracious appetites: the legendary Shuck-and-Swallow Contest. Teams of two people – one

professional “Shucker” and one heckuva “Swallower” – are given 50 raw oysters to shuck and swallow as fast as humanly possible. The team that shucks and swallows all their oysters first within the allotted time wins!

12:45 – 1:30 p.m., Blue Rhythm Revue – With over 15 years of delighting crowds in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties, Blue Rhythm Revue continues to bring a soulful sound to the dance music we all know and love. Everyone, everywhere, instantly relates to the music. From Aretha Franklin to Mariah Carey, The Doobie Brothers to The Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder to Adele, BRR can make anyone get up and boogie.


1:45 - 3:05 p.m. Dead On – Dead On is a quartet exploring the acoustic side of The Grateful Dead, Garcia and beyond!

3:15 - 4 p.m., Claire Bent – Humboldt-grown singer/songwriter, whose passions are jazz, funk, soul, and ukulele.

The Green Zone on H and 11th streets
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., DJs Deaf Eye, Chill Will, Goldylocks & Roots ‘n Soil – A space celebrating the remarkable cannabis industry in Humboldt County.




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